

EXTRA
ALL THE LATEST NEWS
FATAL WINDS.

Two Buildings in Pittsburg Blown Down.

Twelve Persons Killed and Six Fatally Injured.

There Was a Terrible Storm Shortly After Noon.

Scenes of Great Excitement in Wood Street and Diamond Alley.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 9.—Shortly after noon today the front wall of J. R. Weldon & Co.'s book store on Wood street was blown down.

In the rear, fronting on Diamond Alley, was a six-story building in process of erection. This building collapsed, the walls falling with a terrific crash.

At this writing it is believed that eight or ten persons were surely killed and possibly more.

Some reports state that twenty bodies have thus far been recovered.

Several persons were severely injured.

About 12.25 a terrific wind and hail storm struck the city, and in less than ten minutes had wrecked the buildings mentioned and created havoc throughout the valley.

The extent of the damage is not yet known.

Wood street was quickly filled with an excited crowd and the work of rescuing the victims begun.

The entire fire department was called to the scene.

LATER.—The victims number twelve killed, six to eight fatally injured and thirty or more hurt more or less seriously.

The collapsed building was six stories high, and an investigation into the quality of the construction will be ordered.

An impression prevails that it was of the Buddenick order.

GAMBLERS IN ELIZABETH.

The Police Raided a Finely Furnished Den and Caught Ten Men.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 9.—A big haul of gamblers was made last night by the Elizabeth police.

Chief Austin and Capt. Brant, at the head of a force of officers, burst open the doors of a room at 210 Broad street and found the place filled with poker players.

Some of the gamblers tried to escape, but were promptly collared by the police. Five packs of cards and 700 poker chips were captured. Ten men were arrested and marched to Police Headquarters.

The gambling den was run by David Dunham, of Rahway, and Lewis Price, of Roselle. It was luxuriously fitted up and had a large sideboard well stocked with wines and liquors.

The prisoners are all from Roselle, Rahway and Elizabeth.

The Police Court was crowded this morning when the prisoners were led out. Several prominent citizens were present to give bail for the offenders, who were placed under \$1,500 bail each to appear before the Grand Jury.

Justice and Dunham were held on two charges—keeping a disorderly house and gambling.

A STEAMER ASHORE.

The George Appold Grounded West of Montauk Point.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

EASTHAMPTON, L. I., Jan. 9.—At about 1 o'clock this morning the life-saving crew had their attention attracted by the blowing of a steamship whistle, a vessel having run ashore on the outer bar, about one mile and a half west of Montauk Point.

A very heavy sea was on and the life-savers were unable to get close to the vessel. They, however, ascertained that the disabled craft was the steamship George Appold, from Providence to Newport, with a general cargo of merchandise.

At daylight the vessel was plainly visible from the shore and seemed to be lying in an easy position with her bow caught on the bar.

Owing to the rough sea communication has not yet been had with the stranded steamer, and particulars of the disaster have not been ascertained. It was very thick weather when the steamship grounded, and it is thought that the man in charge of the wheel lost his bearings.

Claims to Be the Champion Pie-Maker.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

MATTAPQUITT, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Otis M. Downing, of this town, claims distinction. She says she made 799 pies last year, and the claim is set up that she is the champion pie-maker among the housekeepers of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Poor Widow Bedotti!

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

She tried to write love poetry to the deacon and could frame only—

—A million sore

—Long time I bore

Had the love creature used Dr. FRENCH'S PAIN-EXPELLER—the sure remedy for the weaknesses and peculiar ailments of her sex—she might have secured the deacon's favor by the cheerful character of her verses.

RUTHERFORD ABLAZE.

The Little Village Nearly Wiped Out by Fire.

Eight Stores and the Post-Office Are in Ashes.

Caused by a Sick Man Overturning a Kerosene Oil Lamp.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

RUTHERFORD, N. J., Jan. 9.—The most disastrous fire that ever occurred in this village broke out shortly after 12.30 this morning.

It burned up nearly a whole block and laid in ashes eight stores and the Post-Office.

The conflagration had its origin in the bedroom of Henry Burmeister, an upholsterer, who has rooms over his store fronting on Depot Square and directly opposite the railroad depot.

Burmeister, who was sick in bed, got up at 12.30 to get some medicine, when the kerosene lamp which he carried fell from his hand and exploded, setting fire to some excelsior. In a few minutes the place was enveloped in flames.

John Dupuy, foreman of the Hook and Ladder Company of the town, who lives on the opposite side of the lawn which divides the square, heard Burmeister's cries and hastened to rescue the imprisoned invalid.

Burmeister was taken charge of by friends, while a general alarm of fire was sent out from fire and church bells, and passing locomotives shrieked sympathetically.

A few minutes later, however, the fire had spread to the Post-Office, and a hook and ladder company soon found themselves beaten on every side by the steadily advancing fire, which threatened to lay waste two-thirds of the business portion of the little town, including the Post-Office and Town Hall, if it were not checked in time.

At about 2 o'clock help was asked from Passaic and Carlstadt, the two neighboring towns, and they responded with alacrity.

The mail matter in the Post-Office was saved and taken to McGee's drug store, but out of an entire block of houses only three were saved from destruction.

Those who were burned out were: Julius Brugger, baker, loss to stock and building, \$2,300; Jacob Lampert, variety store and news, stock and building, \$1,500; Frank Rhinehart, tailor, total loss, \$1,600; Henry Burmeister, stock and building, \$1,000; D. B. Curtis, feed and flour store, stock and building, \$1,000; J. L. Battister, meat and provisions, an almost total loss, \$8,000; Post-Office, damage to building, \$300; Franz Muller, tailor, \$1,800.

The only buildings saved out of the block are the stores of R. C. McMain, household furnisher; F. Brunner, jewelry, fronting on the square, and the law office of Ely & Conkling, facing Union avenue.

OUR BURDEN OF RAINY DAYS.

We Have Had Nearly Double Our Share During the Past Four Months.

The storm which is with us now was central yesterday in the Mississippi Valley, and moved up on us from the Gulf, getting here early this morning. The indications are that it will rain all day and part of to-morrow, when it will cease, and colder and clearer weather take its place.

Another storm wave is now central near Chicago, moving in a northeasterly direction. It will pass north of this place probably this afternoon.

It is singular that we have had more rain during the past four months than for a corresponding period for many years past.

The following table shows the exact fall of rain for the last four years.

	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
January	5.02	1.79	2.30	7.40
February	5.02	3.40	3.90	3.90
March	4.00	3.27	1.24	4.81
April	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total	15.03	12.19	10.10	20.40

Comparing the amount of rain that fell last year with the year before, we find that last year's fall is just twice as much as that of the preceding year.

The increase last year over the prior year is: September, 6.16; October, 1.78; November, 4.57. The rainfall of 1887 exceeded that of 1888, 15. Thus it will be seen that in September last year the rainfall was over three times that for the same month of the preceding year.

It was the same number of times greater in October and almost double in November, while December was the only month that more did not fall than in the same month of 1887.

A Verdict for Mrs. Thurber.

The second trial of the suit of A. Howard Hinkel, the music publisher, of Cincinnati, against Jeannette M. Thurber, to recover the value of a draft for \$13,000, made in November, 1886, by Charles Locke, manager of the American Opera Company, resulted today in a verdict for the defendant. The jury was instructed to bring in such a verdict by Judge Wallace, before whom the case was tried, in the United States Circuit Court.

Commoner Cox Again Snarred.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

BREILIN, Jan. 9.—Two summonses were yesterday served upon J. A. Cox, member of the House of Commons for the County Clare, for trial at Ennis on charges under the Crimes Act. Mr. Cox has already served several months in jail under Mr. Balfour's administration.

Robert Mackey, the Fat Boy, Dend.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

PITTSBURG, Jan. 9.—Six hundred and fifty pounds of mortal flesh will be consigned to the dust from which it came, when Robert Mackey, the Casino Museum's fat boy, is put in his grave to-day. He died yesterday. His mother weighs even more than Robert.

Meyers and McAuliffe to Fight Feb. 15.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

STANTON, Ill., Jan. 9.—Final arrangements for the McAuliffe-Meyers fight were made here yesterday by Billy Madden, McAuliffe's trainer, and Alf Kennedy, the backer of Meyers. The fight is to occur Feb. 15, within 250 miles of Chicago.

The Shah's Visit to Europe.

(BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.)

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Shah of Persia will visit St. Petersburg in April, where he will remain two weeks, the guest of the Czar. He will then proceed on a tour through the other European states, including London.

LAWYERS FOR OUR CITY.

Albany Statesmen Ready With a Host of New Bills.

To Be Proposed When the Legislature Opens To-Night.

Central Park Museum and "L" Road News Stands Objects of Attack.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

The city of New York will be bombarded by bills from rural and local Senators and Assemblymen of the State Legislature, now convening at Albany. Among the enactments that will be proposed by members of the Legislature from this city are the following:

Many of them will be recognized as old stagers: Assemblyman T. D. Sullivan, of the Second District, will re-introduce his bill to abolish the news stands on the Elevated railroads. It is claimed that the Manhattan News Company, which now controls these stands in the interest of the Elevated railroad, uses its power to extort large amounts from publishers and news agents for the privilege of having their productions exhibited for sale.

This bill was introduced into the last Assembly and passed, but was afterwards killed by the friends of the Manhattan Railroad in the Senate. Assemblyman Sullivan will also father a bill limiting the sale of admission tickets to theatres to the seating capacity of the buildings.

The primary object of this bill is to prevent the crowding of the aisles and passageways leading to the fire-escapes.

Assemblyman John Martin, of the Ninth District, will be the pioneer in the lower House of a number of municipal bills chiefly originating in the Corporation Counsel's office, and all having reference to improvements in the city government. They will be what are known as "Municipal Reform" Legislative bills.

Understood, however, that Assemblyman Martin, who was Sergeant-at-Arms of the National Democratic Committee during the last campaign, will represent the County Democracy in the Assembly in all bills which are introduced to interfere with the Tammany Hall administration of the city government. Mr. Martin denies this, and says that his bill will not have any political significance, but will be merely city reform measures.

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M'MULLEN'S HEAD OFF.

The President Orders the New York Appraiser's Removal.

McMullen Had Been Requested to Resign, but Would Not.

Mr. McMullen Positively Declines to Discuss the Subject.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President Cleveland has directed that Lewis McMullen, Appraiser at New York, be removed from his office. Mr. McMullen was requested to resign, but refused to do so. This caused the President's summary action.

To an EVENING WORLD reporter who called on Appraiser McMullen at the Light street stores this afternoon, Mr. McMullen said: "I have received no official notification of my removal and will not discuss the subject."

"Have you been asked to resign?" "I positively decline to discuss the subject at all."

At the Custom-House Chief Hollahan pretended ignorance of the whole business, and Collector Magone's secretary was as mute as a clam.

The removal of Appraiser McMullen was brought about by the accumulated evidence of the Treasury Agents who investigated the Appraiser's stores, which has been augmented since election day by the serious complaints of tobacco, drug and other importers, who charge unjust and vicious discriminations, to which they have attributed serious afflictions.

Ever since the Civil-Service investigation in May last Appraiser McMullen has been in danger of immediate removal, or, so it is alleged now.

Mr. McMullen is a hold-over and declares he is a Democrat, although his immediate official family are Republicans.

PRESIDING ELDER HARE DEAD.

Stricken with Paralysis Two Weeks Ago—Over Forty Years in Ministry.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

POTSDHAM, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Rev. Geo. S. Hare, presiding elder of the Poughkeepsie district and leading member of the New York Conference, died at 8 o'clock this morning.

He was born in South Egremont, Mass., in November, 1826. He received an academic education there and intended to adopt law as his profession, but on attendance at a prayer meeting changed his mind and he at once studied for the ministry, joining the New York Conference in 1847, and his first appointments were at Old Milford, Madison and Durham, all in Connecticut; from there to John Street Church, New York City; then to First Church, same city, following with pastorage at Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Newark, N. J., Boston, &c.

The degree of A. M. was conferred on him by the Wesleyan University in 1854, and that of D. D. by the Northwestern University in 1856.

He was married in September, 1847, to Sarah J., daughter of Rev. John Crawford, of the New York Conference, and has one daughter.

His illness dates back about two weeks, at which time he was stricken with paralysis.

BULLETS FOR HIMSELF AND BELLA.

Young Engleback Took His Life, but His Sweetheart Was Saved.

Long Island City has a sensation to-day in a tragedy which occurred last night in Mrs. McDermott's boarding-house, on Webster avenue. Young Charles Engleback tried to kill his sweetheart, pretty Bella Kerrigan, and then fatally shot himself.

Both Engleback and the young girl worked in Goodie's rope factory and lodged at Mrs. McDermott's. They had kept steady company for six months, were very fond of each other and were engaged to be married.

Charles, however, has been dissatisfied with his lot of late, and complained that it is the duty of a good citizen to make complaint against the perpetrator of a crime if he is cognizant of the facts in the case.

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VERY MUCH ALIKE.

A Companion Piece to Wm. W. Dudley's "Floater" Letter.

Quay, Dudley and Clarkson Accused of Receiving Stolen Goods.

Serious Charges Made and Confessions to Back Them.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

Col. William W. Dudley, the Treasurer of the Republican National Committee, is in danger again. It is his peculiar disregard of provisions of law in attaining his political ends which is continually keeping him in hot water.

His Indiana "floater" letter still menaces him with indictment at the hands of the Federal Grand Jury in that jurisdiction, and now facts have come to light which would seem to render him liable to indictment in this county for receiving stolen goods.

A comparison of the fac-simile of Dudley's letter to Durfee, published in The World of this morning, with that of the "floater" letter published in THE EVENING WORLD Nov. 2, 1888, is interesting.

The letter to Durfee was evidently written on the same typewriter as the other after the removal of the National Committee to Washington.

The most curious fact revealed by the comparison is that Dudley made a marked effort to change the character of his signature after the publication of the "floater" letter, as if to assist him in proving the document to be a forgery.

Where he formerly signed himself "Wm. W.," in a spider-like, angular hand, his letter to Durfee bears a signature in which the "W's" are only enlarged lower case letters and a flourish has been added to the final "y."

The general characteristics of the signature are there, however, despite this evident desire to change.

The careless Dudley is not, however, alone in this. That great apostle of political purity, Senator Matt S. Quay, and John S. Clarkson, the Vice-Chairman of the National Committee, who has been prominently mentioned as a member of President Harrison's Cabinet, are both involved, and the latter, in fact, seems to have been the actual receiver of the purloined article.

The article stolen and sold to Clarkson was the mailing list of the Voice, the National Prohibition organ, which is published by Funk & Wagnall at 18 and 19 Astor place.

The amount received was \$250, and the thieves were Charles A. Durfee and James I. Sansom, employees in the mailing department of the paper.

Both have made written confession of their dealings with Clarkson, Quay and Dudley, and Durfee has letters from both Clarkson and Dudley which would seem to corroborate his statement that he received a good Government position for his assistance to the Republican cause in the last campaign by robbing his employers.

Col. Fellows was so busy with preparations for the Clear trial, that he refused to be interviewed by the press, or say whether he would bring the matter before the Grand Jury for their consideration.

A well-known criminal lawyer said that it is not in the province of the District Attorney to make complaint against the perpetrator of a crime if he is cognizant of the facts in the case.

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SUGAR TRUST BEATEN.

A Disastrous Blow at the Combination of Refineries.

Judge Barrett Decides Against the North River Company.

(From The Evening World of Jan. 28, 1888.)

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

Judge Barrett strikes a vigorous blow at the sugar monopolists. He deserves the thanks of the people.

His action is in accordance with the anti-trust warfare long urged by "The Evening World." As this journal a year ago inaugurated in the public interest the fight against the sugar combine, it views with particular approval the bold and business-like action of Judge Barrett.

His interpretation of the existing law is a decided step in the direction of reform. An appeal will doubtless be taken, but the laurels of victory in